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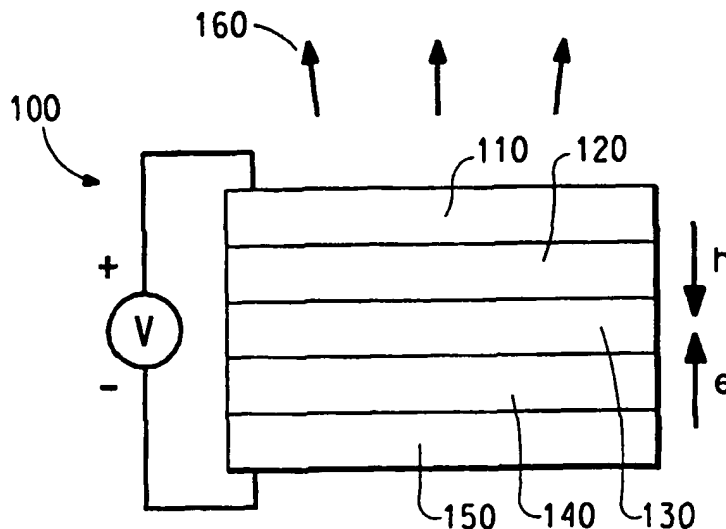
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(54) Title: **POLYMERS HAVING ATTACHED LUMINESCENT METAL COMPLEXES AND DEVICES MADE WITH SUCH POLYMERS**



(57) Abstract: The present invention is generally directed to a polymeric metal complex comprising a polymeric material having a plurality of a first-type functional groups, wherein at least a portion of the functional groups are coordinated to at least one metal containing complex, polymeric-metal complex salts comprising at least one polymeric material having a plurality of first-type functional groups having a charge, and at least one metal complex having an opposite charge. It further relates to devices that are made with the polymeric metal complex or the polymeric-metal complex salt.

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1. Claims: 1-8,15-22,29-32

Organic Light Emitting Diode Comprising an Polymeric Europium Complex

The prior art (D. Zhang et al. Jpn. J. Appl. Phys. 38 (1999) L46. (XP1086542)) describes an organic light emitting diode using an Eu³⁺ polymer complex emitter.

The new features in claims 8,16,19-20 are the use of pyridine N-oxides as ligands for the Europium complex, as well as the use of co-polymers comprising (beside the Eu-complex) also hole transporting and/or light emitting moieties.

The special technical features as defined in rule 13(2) PCT, are pyridine N-oxides as ligands for the Europium complex, as well as the use of co-polymers comprising (beside the Eu-complex) also hole transporting and/or light emitting moieties.

The objective problem is to improve the efficiency of organic light emitting diodes comprising an polymeric europium complex.

2. Claims: 9,10,23,24

Polymeric Iridium Complex

The prior art (D. Zhang et al. Jpn. J. Appl. Phys. 38 (1999) L46. (XP1086542)) describes an organic light emitting diode using an Eu³⁺ polymer complex emitter.

The new features in claims 9-10,23,24 are a polymeric iridium complex and it's use in a organic light emitting diode.

The special technical features as defined in rule 13(2) PCT, are a polymeric iridium complex and it's use in an organic light emitting diode.

The objective problem is to provide a polymeric iridium complex and it's use in an organic light emitting diode.

3. Claims: 11-14,25,26

Polymeric Aluminium Complex

The prior art (D. Zhang et al. Jpn. J. Appl. Phys. 38 (1999) L46. (XP1086542)) describes an organic light emitting diode

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using an Eu^{3+} polymer complex emitter.

The new features in claims 11-14, 25, 26 are a polymeric aluminium complex and its use in an organic light emitting diode.

The special technical features as defined in rule 13(2) PCT, are a polymeric aluminium complex and its use in an organic light emitting diode.

The objective problem is to provide a polymeric aluminium complex and its use in an organic light emitting diode.

4. Claims: 27, 28

Polymeric Rhenium Complex

The prior art (D. Zhang et al. Jpn. J. Appl. Phys. 38 (1999) L46. (XP1086542)) describes an organic light emitting diode using an Eu^{3+} polymer complex emitter.

The new features in claims 27, 28 are a polymeric rhenium complex.

The special technical features as defined in rule 13(2) PCT, are a polymeric rhenium complex.

The objective problem is to provide a polymeric rhenium complex.

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